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HOLD THE PHONE

by BILL WILLIAMS

War on Sweatshops—

The federal trade commission last week started proceedings against unions and manufacturers in military and garment industries on charges of fostering a "monopoly."



Behind the case, however, not mentioned in the daily press, is a dramatic story of the efforts of the workers and employers to end cut-throat competition and sweatshop conditions.

The setup of both parties dates back to the NRA. Employers and labor, in perfectly legal fashion, then tried to establish decent wages and hour standards, as well as fair trade standards that would eliminate abuses which threatened to throw the industry into chaos.

Union officials declared this collaboration has helped the workers and put the industry on its feet without the slightest increase in cost to the consumer.

Yet we find a commission trying to place charges against people who have been successful because they cooperated, and cooperated without doing damage to the public.

It seems to me there are other things more important to do.

Cheap Talk—

Senator Lee O'Daniel of Texas made a grand-stand play to the senate last month when he tried, in his Texas fashion, to convince other senators that what this country needs is a "curb on labor" and what he terms "labor racketeering."

It seems that the senator from Texas didn't get far in his appeal to the gallery for most of the "seasoned" men in the senate have heard the same story, only put in a different fashion, maybe.

O'Daniel told of his friendship for labor, like most petty politicians do when trying to cover up, and rang the rafters of the senate trying to convince the representatives of the people, that all's well in every other line of business but in the ranks of labor.

Reading O'Daniel's speech, which he sent here this week, you can readily understand why they call all Texans "longhorns" . . . what he don't know about the labor movement could be put in a big book . . . too heavy for a Texas steer to carry.

Stopped In Time—

Only for a presiding judge who spotted the bill before it was too late, the city and county of San Francisco would now be out about $1,000 for a transcript of the Darcy case.

It seems that the same judge that almost exonerated Communist Darcy has approved the idea of Darcy's attorneys to permit the transcript at the city's cost.

But the presiding judge, on his toes at all times, didn't permit the transaction to go through.

This case, the trial of Sam Darcy, is the same one Chief of Police Dullea took a "slap" at a couple of weeks ago. The chief didn't like the idea of permitting a communist, charged with a serious offense, be allowed to go free, especially, according to the chief, when Darcy's case was similar to that of Earl Browder's, now serving four years in the federal pen.

Someday the people of San Francisco will express their feelings in this matter, I'm told, for election time is near in the city by the golden gate.

Paper Shortage—

Just a minute there! Did you say waste paper? Looks as if you're a step behind the pace of those rapidly mounting shortages. They've now advanced to the stage where even waste paper has become a trifle suspect.

The nation's normal consumption of this ever-present, indispensable item is 26 million tons a year. Production to date has been at the rate of only 21 million tons for this year. That 5 million ton cut has already moved California's retailers, chain and independent, to heed the government's warning of an immediately approaching shortage. Retail merchants, united in their desire to cooperate with the defense program in every way they can, have pledged themselves to reduce, as extensively as possible, their use of paper.

Shoppers, too, can meet the situation in the same practical way and restrict, as far as possible, their demands for paper wrappings, paper bags, and non-essential paper. Since a 5 million ton shortage can't be wiped out by complaining, we can only hope housewives will accept the situation with good graces instead of "Good gracious!"

RETAIL CLERKS LOSE OFFICE SECRETARY

Funeral services were held yesterday for the late Inez Grant who passed away at her home Monday.

Mrs. Grant was recording secretary of Retail Food Clerks' Union, Local No. 870 for the past five years; her membership in the union dates back to 1935.

Many members of the local union attended the services.

BANQUET FOR TOBIN IN S. F. NEXT THURSDAY

Dan Tobin, international president of the brotherhood of teamsters and auto truck drivers, will visit the bay area during the coming week.

In San Francisco next Thursday night, a banquet in his honor will be held, sponsored by the joint council of teamsters.

The banquet, followed by entertainment, will be held in the Mart club, 1355 Market street. City, county and state officials have been invited to attend.

Tobin's speech will be broadcast over a local station; station and time to be announced later.

Tobin will leave the bay area next Friday for Los Angeles where he will address several teamsters' unions in that city.

AFL REQUESTS FORD TO CEASE CHECK-OFF

The American Federation of Labor today asked the Ford Motor company to cease checking off CIO union dues among employes in 14 Ford feeder plants until a labor relations board election determines whether the feeder plant workers want to be represented by the CIO or the AFL.

Herbert Thatcher, a member of the AFL's legal staff, said he made the request nearly two weeks ago after the board decided that Ford's closed shop contract with CIO's united auto workers' union in its main plant at River Rouge, Mich., was not a bar to the holding of an election among the feeder plant employes.

On October 2, the NLRB ordered an election held within 30 days.

The feeder plants are located in several small communities just outside the Detroit area and, according to labor board records, employ an aggregate of 2527 workers.

LEGION PROGRAM HEARD OVER LOCAL STATION

President of Building Trades to Speak October 31

On Friday evening, October 31, James H. Quinn, president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, will speak over station KLX from 7:45 to 8 p. m. His subject will be "the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." The program is sponsored by the American Legion, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the American bill of rights.

Tonight, over the same station, Joseph Murphy, local attorney, will speak on the "right of freedom of religion."

Each Friday night until November 28, the legion's program will be heard on station KLX.

FOURTH ANNUAL DANCE OF LOCAL 382 AT HOTEL OAKLAND

Tomorrow night at hotel Oakland, the membership of Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union, Local No. 382, AFL, will hold their fourth annual dance.

Dancing will be from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. with Joaquin Grill's orchestra furnishing the music.

AFL AFFILIATE CHOSEN BY INSURANCE AGENTS

Acting on a petition filed by Industrial and Ordinary Insurance Agents Union No. 21623, AFL affiliate, the national labor relations board checked the membership of the union against the payroll of the Baltimore Life Insurance company in Baltimore and thereby certified the union as the collective bargaining representative for all the debit collectors and canvassers employed in the four district offices in Baltimore.

This is the fourth district of the Baltimore Life that has requested bargaining rights through the American Federation of Labor, George L. Russ, AFL organizer announced.

Green Again Heads AFL

Unopposed for 18th Consecutive Term

William Green was reinstated president of the American Federation of Labor yesterday at Seattle for his 18th consecutive time. He was nominated by Frank Duffy of the carpenters' union and was unopposed. Vice presidents elected with Green are:

William L. Hutcheson, carpenters; Matthew Woll, photo engravers; Joseph N. Weber, musicians; G. M. Bugniazest, electrical workers; George M. Harrison, railway clerks; Daniel J. Tobin, teamsters; Harry C. Bates, bricklayers; Edward J. Gainor, letter carriers; W. D. Mahon, street railway employes; Felix H. Knight, railway carmen; Harvey Brown, machinists, and W. C. Birthright, barbers.



WILLIAM GREEN

Secretary Treasurer George Meany also was re-elected without opposition.

Stanislaus County Requests Financial Aid At Once

Associated Farmers Begin Another Attack on Labor Movement

Immediate financial assistance has been requested by the Stanislaus County Central Labor Council, according to a letter received by the local labor council this week.

H. F. Blanchard, council secretary, states that the financial assistance is needed to fight the attacks on the union by the associated farmers who are now trying to have passed an ordinance, by the board of supervisors, similar to the "hot cargo" bill recently passed by the state legislature.

"This is a most vicious attack on organized labor," Blanchard writes, "and is a prelude to a renewed attempt to deprive organized labor of its constitutional rights. The associated farmers are doing everything within their power to stop organization among the workers in Stanislaus county and are now asking the board of supervisors to assist them.

"To fight off this vicious attack it requires funds and it becomes urgent that every union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor send in their contribution at once to the central labor council, 604 10th street, Modesto."

Milk Wagon Drivers Delegates to Make Convention Reports

Tonight the membership of Local No. 302, milk wagon drivers' union, will meet in special-regular session in the Odd Fellows' building.

Reports from delegates attending the recently held western conference of teamsters and the California State Federation of Labor convention will be made at tonight's meeting.

Meeting to open at 8 o'clock.

AFL Council Praises Democracy Scores Hitler and His System

Urges Aid to Britain and Her Allies; Stresses AFL Record in Avoiding Defense Industries Strikes; Endorses Wage Increases

In a memorable report to the 61st annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, the executive council rallied America's workers to do their utmost to defend America and preserve democracy and freedom.

The council denounced Hitler and all his works in the most sweeping terms. It dedicated American workers to the task of making the national defense program a success. It urged the extension of every possible aid to Great Britain and her allies who are resisting Hitler's war machine.

"We realize we face a war situation that will require service and sacrifice of all," said the council's report. "We are willing to give in defense of our free institutions and to abolish slavery so that all persons may have the right to control their own lives.

"We know that the organized labor movement has the special responsibility of preserving and extending the application of principles of democracy and justice within its own immediate sphere of activity. Upon our ability to meet responsibilities depends in large measure the preservation of free institutions.

"We therefore solemnly urge all affiliated unions to renew their dedication to the cause of labor and human freedom so that our sacrifces and hardships may be made to serve the cause of humanity."

The report reviewed various phases of the defense program of chief interest to labor and emphasized the fine record of American Federation of Labor unions in avoiding strikes and work stoppages that would have delayed defense production.

The executive council asked the convention to consider such serious problems as the threat of defense unemployment due to priorities; the need for post-war planning

LABOR'S POLICIES TOWARD WORLD CRISIS OUTLINED BY AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

In a brief foreword to its report to the A. F. of L. convention, the executive council summarized labor's policies toward the world crisis as follows:

"The past year has brought our nation progressively closer toward total establishment on a defense footing. The proclamation of an unlimited national emergency of May 27, 1941, was substituted for the proclamation of a limited national emergency of September 8, 1939. The lend-lease act of March 11, 1941, served to increase defense production which will no doubt continue to increase as long as the world is involved in the present conflict. All of our problems and our lives in the immediate future will be overshadowed and dominated by the necessity of protecting our liberties and our institutions against the world-wide menace created by the efforts of a few nations to dominate adjacent peoples.

"Serious as this situation is, the American Federation of Labor stands ready to do its part in complete confidence that the spirit of a free people can not be crushed, and that victory will bring broader and more stable world institutions assuring freedom in life and work.

"The year has also brought us greater confidence in the principles upon which the American Federation of Labor is founded. We believe that unionism is a way of life resting upon the conviction that workers have a right to a voice in the determination of the terms and conditions under which they work. From this basic right, lines of action and principles follow. These principles direct the outlook and course of living of persons who accept union membership with its rights and responsibilities. Real unionism does not come by law, by force or from expediency, but as a result of inner conviction and understanding.

"Our gains in the past year have been steady and substantial. We have made definite progress in all the organization work in which we have engaged and we have succeeded in improving the economic life of the workers of the nation. We have made definite gains in spite of many obstacles which we have encountered. For the coming year, which will present inescapable sacrifices, we urge that local central labor unions everywhere take leadership in establishing the concept and the practice that local unions must be maintained as agencies for human freedom and human welfare. Unions can not make themselves strong by disregarding the rights and interests of other groups of wage earners, nor can unions maintain strength by denying others access to the rights and agencies which they have established.

"The western hemisphere alone affords to wage earners unrestricted freedom of action through voluntary union organization. Our greatest concern should be to exercise our rights so as to perpetuate them, together with the other institutions of our country."

right now to prevent a serious depression after the defense program is completed and the emergency is over; and the complex problems dealing with the training of millions of new defense workers.

In a financial report preceding the executive council's annual review, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany revealed to the delegates that the membership of the American Federation of Labor is now at its highest point in history. As of August 31, 1941, Mr. Meany revealed, there was a total of 4,569,056 dues-paying members in affiliated unions, besides a floating membership of perhaps another half-million.

The financial report disclosed that the American Fed-

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Bakers Meet Here Tomorrow Night

There will be important business discussed at the regular meeting of Bakers' Union, Local No. 119, tomorrow (Saturday) evening in Odd Fellows' hall, 11th and Franklin streets.

Meeting will convene at 6 p. m. with Fred Wolpert presiding. All members are urged to attend. An assessment of $1.00 will be levied against absentees.

In order to gain admittance, members must present their due books at the door, Charles Bullock, secretary, announced.

Output Gains Over Employment

Department of Labor Makes Report for Past Six Months

Manufacturing industries have had phenomenal increases in production this year, but employment has lagged far behind, it was revealed in a study published this week by the department of labor.

Carried in the department's "Labor Information Bulletin," the analysis showed output in these industries for the first six months of 1941 was 55 per cent higher than the average for the same period during the years of 1935 to 1939, but that the increase in jobs was only 27 per cent.

In other words, production gains outstripped employment by over two to one, largely because of growing workers' efficiency.

In some industries, while production rose, employment fell. For example, bituminous coal mines are turning out 23 per cent more coal with 13 per cent less workers, the report disclosed. The boot and shoe industry has increased output 19 per cent, but cut its work force 4 per cent.

Railmen Produce More

The railroad industry boosted its carloadings by 23 per cent, but its employment rose only 6 per cent. Steel was revealed to be producing 91 per cent more with only 36 per cent additional workers; electric light and power, 42 per cent more, with only 6 per cent more employes; tobacco products, 20 per cent more, with employment stationary.

Similar gaps between production and employment occurred in all other industries, the report made it clear.

Skilled Mechanics Are Needed by Uncle Sam

The U. S. civil service commission sent out an "SOS" this week for skilled machinists and toolmakers, declaring there is a "serious shortage" of these craftsmen at government navy yards and arsenals.

Qualified workers are promised immediate jobs. They are urged to obtain applications at the commission's headquarters in Washington, or at post office buildings in cities throughout the country.

Plans Aid For Kiddies, Victim of Paralysis

A great new drive to aid "kiddies" afflicted with infantile paralysis was announced this week by Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the department of labor's children's bureau.

An extra $100,000 of federal funds has been allotted for the campaign and will be used principally in states where an epidemic of the disease has occurred in recent weeks, Miss Lenroot explained.

Silk Holdup

Uncle Sam is having trouble obtaining silk, needed for parachutes and other purposes. The reason is that exports from Japan have been stopped and manufacturers who have gobbled up available stocks refuse to share them with the government.

TOMATOES SHORT

Tomatoes are going to be in the luxury class this winter, according to defense officials. Government buying is cutting a big hole in the supply, it was said.

Labor Leaders Honored Guests At Community Chest Luncheon

Over Half of Total Amount Already Subscribed, Chest Heads Say

Labor leaders were honor guests yesterday when several hundred volunteer community chest workers met at the Leamington hotel for the second report luncheon of the current appeal for welfare funds.

Of the minimum of $434,683 needed, more than half had been raised by the opening luncheon Tuesday, and another ten per cent was added at the second luncheon.

Funds subscribed before October 31 will go to 42 welfare agencies in Oakland, San Leandro, Emeryville and Piedmont for basic operating expenses. Campaign expenses and managerial costs for the entire year were pre-subscribed by a small group of business firms before the start of the appeal.

Invited to sit at the head table at yesterday's luncheon with Ralph T. Fisher, chest president, and Howard D. Ainsworth, campaign chariman, were Walter East, president of the Central Labor Council of Alameda county; A. G. Alameida, first vice-president; R. L. Mathiesen, second vice-president; G. A. Silverthorn, recording secretary and business representative; William P. Fee, assistant recording secretary; James A. Suffridge, secretary-treasurer; T. J. Roberts, delegate to the building trades council; Jack Kopke and Ed Meaney, delegate to the state federation convention; James H. Quinn, president of the building trades council; J. C. Reynolds, business representative; E. H. Vernon, business representative of the Auto Mechanics' Union, Local 1546; Charles Bullard, secretary of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 119; William Franklin, secretary of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Local 302, and Paul Fuhrer, secretary and business representative of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Local 432.

FIREMEN TO HONOR CHARTER MEMBERS ON RETIREMENT

Bay Area Fire Fighters To Attend Ceremonies

Members of Local No. 55, international association of fire fighters, are preparing plans for their dance and entertainment which will be given in honor of four retiring charter members of the union.

The celebration will be held at Emeryville hall, 4307 San Pablo avenue, Saturday, November 1.

Those to be honored are Captain A. Costa, Lieutenant William Schramm, Captain Jack Murray and Arnold Peters.

Fire fighters of the bay district departments and their friends have been invited to the ceremonies.

State Federation Asks Funds To Fight "Hot Cargo" Bill In November

The following resolution was passed at the convention held by the California State Federation of Labor recently:

Whereas, With the successful filing of the necessary number of petitions with the secretary of state, the placing of a referendum on Senate Bill 877 on the ballot in the 1942 elections is now assured; and

Whereas, The campaign against the referendum is already in full swing under the leadership of the pooled resources of the most militant and powerful anti-labor employer groups in the state; and

Whereas, The real fight to expunge this act from the statutes of the state of California is only beginning, which makes it mandatory that the California State Federation of Labor organize at once the second and most important phase of this campaign; therefore be it

Resolved, That the secretary-treasurer be instructed by the forty-second annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor to send out a call within the near future to every local union explaining the urgency of the fight facing the organized labor movement in the coming elections, and the necessity of raising an adequate campaign fund to assure the maximum effectiveness of labor in this fight; and be it further

Resolved, That in this appeal, every local union affiliated with this federation be notified that it is expected to contribute a minimum of 50 cents per member to this fund to be raised in any manner most suitable to the local, either voluntarily or by assessment; and be it further

Resolved, That the unions be asked in advance to subscribe to a quota commensurate with the size of their respective memberships and that they guarantee this sum by the adoption of a resolution or in any other equivalent form; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor be authorized, if circumstances make it necessary in order to prevent a delay, to transfer from the funds of the federation as an advance loan to the campaign committee a sum sufficient to create an apparatus and initiate other activities essential to starting this campaign; and be it further

Resolved, That this fund be kept in a separate account by the secretary-treasurer of the state federation, and that an accounting be made and published as well as distributed direcity to the local unions upon the completion of the campaign.

Electricians Name Delegates To St. Louis Meeting

Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 595 named their delegates this week to attend the international convention in St. Louis, opening October 27.

The delegates are S. E. Rockwell, business manager; M. T. (Doc) Stallworth, financial secretary, and Delbert Hansen.

Special trains will be required to transport the delegation from the ninth district, the district covering the Pacific coast and representing some 45,000 electrical workers.

This year's convention will be the first international meeting held since 1929. The international organization was founded in St. Louis 50 years ago.

Clerks In Pact With Four Local Candy Stores

New Signup For Year Covers 125 Workers

Four Greater Oakland candy firms signed the working agreement of Retail Food Clerks' Union, Local No. 870 recently. They are: McFarlane, See's, Margaret Burnham and Edy's. The agreement covers the sales girls in the four candy chains.

According to James Suffridge, union business manager, the new agreement is the first of its kind ever to be signed in the east bay area. It covers 125 employes and is signed for one year. Overtime at the rate of time and a half is provided in the new pact with substantial wage increases to all employes.

Temple Auxiliary Sponsors Dance Saturday Night

Barn Dance at Carpenters' Hall Expected to Attract Large Crowd

Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary of Alameda county are sponsoring the barn dance to be held tomorrow night at Carpenters' hall, 763 12th street, Oakland. There will be old-fashioned and modern dancing from 8 to 12 p. m.

The "old timers" orchestra, under the direction of Mickey Lazarus, will play old and modern dance music.

Admission is 75 cents per couple.

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DEFENSE CONTRACT GOUGING CALLED "UNCONSCIONABLE"

Vinson, Conservative, So Shocked He Proposes Legislation Limiting Profits; Costs Are Padded

Profiteering on defense contracts has reached such shocking proportions that even conservatives, who usually defend business practices, are protesting.

For example, Congressman Carl Vinson (Dem., Ga.), chairman of the house naval affairs committee, is so worked up by disclosures of his investigators that he proposed legislation this week limiting profits to 7 per cent.

In support of his proposal, Vinson painted a harrowing picture of gouging, and it is a reasonable assumption that it was not overdrawn, since the Georgian is not disposed to go out of his way to find fault with Big Business.

Profits "Unconscionable"

"Profits made by contractors during the present emergency have reached an unconscionable percentage," Vinson said.

"Facts we have gathered demonstrate conclusively the necessity for the enactment of a law imposing a ceiling on profits to be made by private firms or individuals."

Vinson cited a contractor whose profits run up to 247 per cent. Not all contractors are profiteering, he asserted, but enough are doing so to warrant "prompt and decisive action."

Maas Adds Details

Additional light on the subject of gouging was supplied by Congressman Melvin J. Maas (Rep., Minn.), a member of the naval affairs committee and a colonel in the marine air reserve.

Maas found fault with Vinson's proposal, and intends to offer as a substitute legislation rewarding contractors who keep costs below estimates and penalizing those who overshoot the mark.

Exorbitant prices which are being charged the government, Maas said, are the result of "deliberate cost padding now taking place."

Family On Payroll

He declared that a contractor constructing a base on one of the islands swapped by Britain in the 50-destroyer deal has a number of his relatives on the payroll.

"The family's 'work'," Maas said, "consists in voyaging to Bermuda, sunning themselves on the beach for a few days, and then vacationing back to 'work'—all at government expense."

Another contractor, through similar devices, had cleaned up a profit of 90 per cent, Maas revealed.

A great deal more of the same sort is to be disclosed at public hearings by the house naval affairs committee, at hearings to start about December 1, Vinson said.

The committee has questionnaires from nearly 7,000 defense contractors, and the story they tell, Vinson said, will be a first rate scandal as well as a smashing argument in support of his profit limit bill.

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But when men and women of supposedly average intelligence adopt the antics of the parrot . . . that's not fine.

Of late there has been an unusual amount of "over the fence" talk concerning the abnormal rise of foodstuffs, and such. Shoppers have substituted for the usual "looks like rain" and "nice day," the newer and more appropriate "Holy Smokes, this went up again?"

Possibly everyone of you have on innumerable occasions had reason to so remark. We wonder if you all have received the same reply that we have too many times, from the man or woman behind the counter: "Well, what can you expect . . . the way wages are going up."

If the boss said that I could understand his reason. But when a working man says a foolish, uncalled for, untrue remark, it's extremely discouraging, to say the least. Employer propaganda seems too strong for the intellect in these all-too-frequent cases.

One answer we received while purchasing the usual nowadays half ration of meat. (How much has meat gone up? 25 per cent, 550 per cent, 100 per cent?) We immediately called the butcher. We wanted him to give us his reasoning. How did he figure his little ten per cent raise obtained many months ago was the cause of the tremendous increase in meat costs? Increases that are continually being listed . . . while wages remain very close to what they have been for the past four years. His answer: "Oh, I know my wages aren't the cause. They base the food prices on wages made by the shipyard workers."

And yet there are only a few communities throughout these United States where there are shipyard workers. Statistics show that these great food increases are in effect generally. And besides there is only one, or less, shipyard worker to every fifty of the rest of us.

No, Mr. Butcher, that isn't the answer.

The answer is "war profiteering." And it's not only evident in foodstuffs but in nearly all merchandising, rents, and what have you.

And the last war proved conclusively . . . as this one is . . . that wages never can keep up with costs. And so every day in every way, the worker is taking, in effect, wage cuts . . . with the resultant lowering in the standard of living.

What's to do about it?

We recommend immediate governmental control.

In the meantime, and while the wheels of democracy slowly gain speed in this all-important problem, some people in some parts of the country are doing something about their own local distresses.

An example comes from Patterson, New Jersey. Some 116 families of union workers were subjected to a 10 per cent rent increase. A few months later the landlord announced an additional 10 per cent increase. No repairs or improvements had been made to justify these increases.

The tenants, in just frenzy, organized among themselves a "rent strike." Evictions have been postponed indefinitely while the Patterson rent committee, a mayor-appointed five-man investigating board studies the case. Patterson workers are joining the united tenants' league, organized to battle rent profiteering.

Milk consumers in St. Louis were subjected to two milk increases within a period of two months, bringing quart milk to 15 cents. Organized, they protested to the anti-trust division of the U. S. department of justice. No doubt considerable change will be effected there in St. Louis where the farmer receives about 6 cents per quart for his milk and the distributor gets a measly, ahem, 9 cents per quart.

Sayings of the Sages:

Charm strike the sight,
But merit wins the soul.

If workers receive union wages for making union products then workers must spend union wages for union products.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

by HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We are very sorry to report the death of Brother Leroy Burchalter, who passed away on October 11, 1941, after a long illness. We are also sorry to report the death of Brother George M. Smith. Brother Smith, while working at the fleet supply base had an accident by a ladder giving away, and striking his head on the railing. He was taken to Highland hospital, then removed to Alameda sanitarium where he died at 6 o'clock, Monday, October 13, 1941. The members and officers of Local Union No. 127 express their deep sympathy to the members of the family.

Brothers Peter Brown, Al Terry, and H. Bovard while returning from work on Monday, October 6, 1941, met with an accident in their car, and all three brothers are confined to their homes with injuries. Also on the sick list, are the following brothers: Alvin Platt, (improving); Ed. Werson, (improving); Thomas Valpey, (condition about the same); Leonard Larson, (improving); O. C. Stealey, (improving).

We again remind the brothers of the coming painters' 42nd anniversary ball. Many returned postcards have been received which, with the fine entertainment, a good dinner, and a sociable dance, promises to be a gala affair, and everyone attending is assured of a good time. If you have not as yet received your tickets, you may do so by contacting the members of the committee, or the business representatives of the local. Don't forget the date! November 15, 1941, 8:00 p. m., in the hotel Oakland dining room for a good time with the painters.

A committee from the district council and including the delegates from local No. 127 to the general assembly have been holding meetings to determine what action can be taken in regard to our members being employed in the shipyards. The committee consisting of delegates and business representatives of each local affiliated with the council reports that harmony is now prevailing and if such is the case there is no reason why some logical solution can not be arrived at. It is the opinion of the writer that the general office could not render a decision until the council made up its mind as a group as to just what they did desire. Let us hope that this committee can bring order out of the present situation.

Many of the members are not receiving the East Bay Labor Journal, due to the fact that they move and leave no address. Also many of the members have cleared in and out from 2 to 5 times which makes it hard to keep track of their address. We request each member reading this column to ask the man you are working with if he receives this paper and if he does not, have him phone in his name and address to the office.

When the new agreement was being signed up, it was found out that only one contractor out of ten carried unemployment insurance. Before being signed up it was necessary to make an application for unemployment insurance to the department of employment. They in turn approve the application and assign a number to the contractor. It is absolutely imperative that the council secure these numbers for the files, so we are requesting that each member remind his employer to send or phone these numbers into the office. The council has taken the following action: that where these numbers are not on file the men are subject to removal from the job.

Work holding up well with all the brothers employed at the present time. The writer has withdrawn the application of the (busy bees) for the next Olympic Swimming championships owing to lack of practice on the part of the Bees. Perhaps if the team picks up a little we may again re-enter them but seeing is believing and you can't train a team over the mahogany.

Are you saving your notations on your pay check so that you will know how much money you have earned this summer? If you make an application for unemployment insurance, this question will be asked you. Can you answer it or not?

Be seeing you at the painters' ball November 15, at the Hotel Oakland.

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L. W. Easterly Elected Officer of State Association

At the convention of the California federation of civil service association just held at Stockton, Larry Easterly, a member of Local 55, international association of fire fighters, was elected to the executive committee. Other officers elected were Louis Jordan, of the Alameda county employees' association, chairman of the executive committee; Ivan Flamm of the San Francisco civil service employees, treasurer; John F. O'Connor of the postal central council, financial secretary; J. C. Williams, of Santa Monica, president; F. E. Goldman, San Francisco, first vice president; E. H. Orman, Los Angeles, second vice president, and Ed Russell, Oakland city employees, executive committee member.

Resolutions in support of legislation for firemen and postal employes were passed as were many others concerning the welfare of civil service employes in California.

The next convention was voted to Long Beach, after a spirited fight was put up by the members of the Hawaiian civil service association who brought hula girls to the convention to demonstrate what the delegates could expect if they chose Honolulu for their next convention.

The mayor of Stockton, together with the members of the city council, attended the convention and assured the members of their full support to put civil service into effect in all departments of the city government.

State Labor Goes to Court for Fire Fighters

The executive committee of the state federation of labor have signified their intention of making a test case of the state law which nullifies any laws passed by the state legislature in behalf of city employes of chartered cities or counties.

Plans are being made to take this case to the United States supreme court for a decision which if successful will mean that the fire fighters and other city and county employes will come under the provisions of the labor code with all of its benefits which are now denied to them because of the ruling that chartered cities need not comply with any law except those which are contained within the state constitution.

For many years it has been the opinion of eminent attorneys that this law which excludes the employes of chartered cities from any benefits of state legislation was unconstitutional and it has only been because of the tremendous expense involved that it has not been appealed before.

With all city employes coming under the state labor code it will mean that they will have the backing of the federation attorneys in all cases where cities or counties deny to their employees the benefits of its provisions.

When it is considered that more than five hundred thousand employees are contributing to this fund which amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars it can readily be understood what this is going to mean to the city and county employees who are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

WISDOM

". . . peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance."—Roosevelt and Churchill.

STEAM FITTERS' NOTES FROM LOCAL No. 342

by LOMBA & DAVIS

On Columbus day, Brother Madsen and Brother Gibbon made a sightseeing tour of the Dow Chemical company job at Pittsburg. In the absence of Brother McMahon, Sam Byers explained the job to the guests. Madsen was very much impressed by the size of the work being carried on. After being shown all the new construction and old work being recreated, Madsen said, "I can readily understand why this job has been going so long."

Sick Committee

At the last regular meeting, President George Madsen appointed a new sick committee for the next quarter. President Madsen said to the members: "The chairman of the different committees is responsible to the local union for its reports. If the chairman is unable to make a report he must have some other member of his committee do so." The new chairman of the sick committee is Al Calais, with Pete Callahan, Tommy Callahan, C. Carmody, L. Chaconas. Brothers Clark and Chidister are to act as alternates.

By-Laws Committee

The by-laws and working rules committee whose chairman is Mert Dingwall has concluded its work and was granted a dismissal by President Madsen. This committee held nine meetings and was by far the hardest working group of the committees now in session. If you wish a copy of the working rules and by-laws, ask for one in the office.

State Federation Report

President George Madsen made a thirty-five minute report on the state federation of labor convention held in San Francisco. The most vital issue to be passed on to you is the "hot cargo" referendum. In 1942, labor must go to the polls and vote against the "hot cargo" bill. This measure must be defeated if labor is to hold the strength it now has. Don't register yourself alone, have your whole family and your friends help in this important matter. Jim Gibson, another delegate to the convention says, "Labor must get together and use its voting power." Brother Gibson favors a deputized registrant at the labor temple to register those qualified to vote.

Be sure you do your part to help

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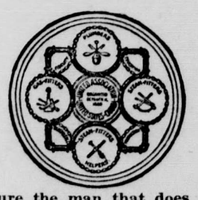
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EXERCISE RIGHT TO VOTE, SAYS STATE RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 33, presented by the fire fighters' union, and adopted by the recently held state convention, makes specific reference to all members of organized labor to exercise their right to vote at all elections. The resolution follows:

Whereas, The rights of organized labor are often governed by the results of the municipal, county or state elections; and

Whereas, Organized labor has recently successfully completed a state-wide referendum petition against Senate Bill No. 877, which proposes to nullify the activities of organized labor in its efforts to protect the interests of its members; and

Whereas, The successful defeat of this vicious measure requires that all members of organized labor exercise their right to vote; and

Whereas, It has been definitely proven in the past that a great many members of organized labor neglect to exercise their privilege of voting; and

Whereas, This neglect to vote has defeated the efforts of organized labor to protect the working conditions of its members, as was so forcibly shown when the organized fire fighters of Oakland and San Diego were defeated in their attempt to secure a reduction in hours of work; and

Whereas, Many members of organized labor are engaged in work for cities, counties and state, and therefore directly affected by the votes of organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each member of organized labor appoint himself a committee of one to see that his fellow members are aware of their obligation to themselves and to their fellow workers, and that all labor papers be supplied with a copy of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the forty-second annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor instruct the incoming executive council to organize a program of education to be conducted through the labor press so as to demonstrate the necessity for the members of organized labor to exercise their right to vote.

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LEGION COMMANDER ASKS OUSTER OF ALIEN CIO LEADER

Five-Day Week, Vacations With Pay Approved by Convention; Head of Legion Raps Bridges

"Man Who Jumped Ship Has Been Declared A Supporter of Communists and Should Be Deported," Says Stambaugh

The five-day week and vacations with pay were unanimously approved by the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Seattle this week.

Lynn U. Stambaugh, newly elected national commander of the American Legion, addressing the convention urged a speedy repealing of the neutrality act, declaring that "all that remains of its original intent" is a "charred hulk" rotting away because "there no longer exists the spirit of neutrality."

Some delegates read into Stambaugh's remarks a desire that the current AFL convention take similar action because of the legion's new leader prefaced his assertion with the hope that the past spirit of cooperation between the legion and the AFL continue and strengthen.

Stambaugh, declaring it is a "positive and often proved fact" that communists in particular "have tried steadily for years to bore from within the labor organizations of this country," said:

"I think they were discouraged by the reception they received when they attempted this course in the American Federation of Labor, but in some other labor avenues they have been more successful. When what purports to be a labor movement turns out to be a communist movement, it is quite likely to run up against opposition from the American Legion.

"Our opposition to the alien Harry Bridges is a case in point. This man, who jumped ship and originally gained entry into this country, has been declared a supporter of communist doctrines in a fair trial conducted after exhaustive examinations of his record.

"The American Legion adheres to the idea that Bridges is not a citizen of the United States, that he has flouted our citizenship laws, that he is a trouble-making radical who opposes our form of government, and that he should be deported.

"In cases such as the Bridges' affair, it should be perfectly clear to any interested person that the American Legion does not and never has asked the deportation of Harry Bridges as a labor leader. We have asked for his deportation solely because he is an alien and an enemy of our form of government. We think the time has passed when his case merits sympathetic consideration."

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UNION LABEL LEAGUE NOTES

by JAMES H. DOYLE
Secretary-Treasurer

The new quarters of the union label league, located at 581 12th street, are being made ready for the carrying out of plans that are now being perfected and which will be decided upon in the very near future, and I feel sure that when they are put in operation that a very healthy increase in the demand for the union card, button and label will result from the study that is being made of the problem.

With the fast approaching holiday season and the trade unionist of Alameda county and the city of Oakland particularly enjoying prosperity in excess of that enjoyed for many years past, the demand should tax the ability of the merchants to supply our people with the things we want bearing the union label.

For the first time since trade relations were established with Japan and the markets were opened to the trade from that country have we had a chance to combat the evil of their low wages and inhuman conditions, for with the commerce between the two countries at a standstill, the stocks of merchandise manufactured and put on the markets here against our home made products have in the past added much to the curtailment of certain lines of merchandise that could not meet the American standard of wages and as a result were forced to abandon the markets to the Jap.

In discussing this most important matter with the five and dime type of stores, I was advised that they could not help us in our fight against that type of merchandise for that they usually bought in anticipation of their wants as far ahead as five years and were in duty bound to carry out their contracts.

And that brings up a very important point and one that should be of interest to the workers, for it is because of their indifference to their own interests that they permit the cheap made products to take over the markets and drive them into the streets to ponder the joys of unemployment.

It is the irony of fate that the ones who suffer through this lack of foresight for their own welfare are the working class who have everything to gain by buying union made and American made products. Just wherein does that urge of loyalty to a foreign country spring from, that prompts the worker to buy himself out of a job so that his underpaid and overworked competitor may be kept employed.

It does not require the wisdom of a Confucius to figure out a way to protect your own interest and that fact should be easily recognized by every worker of organized labor, for without industry there will be no jobs and without jobs there will be no pay check, so when you go to make your next purchases look and see if you are buying yourself out of a job.

If you are a worker and read the daily papers you should study the economic questions that are being discussed by the brightest minds in America as to the outlook for business and industry after this spending spree is over and if it is of concern to them, then it is evident that it is of vital concern to you.

For when the time for retrenchment comes, the merchant is not going to be thinking about you but about himself and he is going into the markets for the cheapest stocks that he can buy to sell to you that by your purchases you may buy yourself some idleness and all the joys that go with it, such as hunger, want and all of the things that add up to give us those good old days that started back in 1929 and has not wholly been eliminated yet and from the best advice available there is little prospect of all of our unemployed being placed back in gainful employment, so if you have not given any thought to this most important phase of your economy, then this is the time to start.

It is the wish of the officers and delegates that the members of organized labor visit our headquarters and cooperate with us in this important work of the labor movement, it may be that you have just the idea that will start us off on a successful holiday season.

The first meeting held in the new quarters was well attended and a very lively interest was taken in the various questions that came before the organization and we are looking forward to an increased attendance at our next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 24.

What is your organization doing for the defense of organized labor? Remember that your greatest defense and mightiest fort is the union label. So don't forget to ask for the union label, shop card and button when you do that next job of buying.

Visit our office at 581 Twelfth street, or telephone GLencourt 4588.

In closing I wish to thank my many friends in organized labor for their loyalty and generous treatment during my ten months of confinement and to assure them that I am and will continue as ever faithful to the trust they have confided in me.

Jobs in Peril

Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts this week complained to defense officials that 20,000 jewelry workers in that state face loss of jobs because the manufacturers are unable to obtain brass for inexpensive jewelry.

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AUXILIARY NOTES

How the Women Are Helping Through their Organizations

Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee met at the home of Anna Hoover on Tuesday evening, October 7. Plans were discussed for our forthcoming past presidents' night. Sister Eichor's daughter will show colored movies taken in Hawaii on past presidents' night. This committee extends an invitation to all No. 97's members to join with us in celebrating this special night. Following the meeting, Sister Hoover served refreshments.

GROCERY BARREL

Bring your donations for this barrel as soon as possible as this filled barrel is to be given away on October 28. This committee will meet at the home of Valia Hill on Wednesday evening, October 22. The address is 4056 Kuhnle avenue.

TURKEY WHIST

Remember our big whist. Turkeys and other awards to be given away. Turkey door gift.

Date, Saturday evening, November 1. Place, Carpenters' hall, 763 12th street. Time, 8:00 p.m. Admission, 40c. Refreshments 10c.

NOTES

Sister Katherine Heino, daughter of Fannie Driscoll, fell and hurt her leg while on her vacation recently. Glad to hear you are feeling better, Sister Heino.

We were all sorry to hear of Sister Akins' recent illness. Hope you are better now.

Anna Hoover's daughter, Helen Hughes, is visiting with her while recuperating from a recent illness.

"Look for and demand your union label."

VIRGINIA de BEAUMONT,
Press Correspondent.

Labor Temple Auxiliary

BARN DANCE

A gala time is in store for the dancers who attend the "barn dance," the first of the season, sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Labor Temple Auxiliary at Carpenters' hall, 763 12th street, on Saturday evening, October 18. Mickey Lazarus' orchestra will play for the occasion. Admission 75 cents per couple. The committee, with Bessie Hunt as chairman, is working hard to make the event a most enjoyable one. Wear your old clothes and have a good time. Sisters, brothers and friends, you are urged to join in the fun and have a jolly good time at the "barn dance." This is one of the ways we can advance our financial and social interest. Cooperation is the true spirit.

THANKSGIVING WHIST PARTY

Saturday evening, November 15, the big Thanksgiving whist party will be held in the Labor Temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland. The tickets are forty cents, entitling you to play. Besides the turkeys there will be other awards.

RUMMAGE SALE

Members and friends of the Labor Temple Auxiliary are being reminded by Inez Wager, president of the auxiliary of Labor Temple that the auxiliary will hold a rummage sale soon is asking that the outworn clothes, shoes, hats, dishes, bric-a-brac, and other things be contributed for the event. Edna Paterson is in charge of this sale. Give her a call—FRuitvale 3249.

SOCIAL PARTY

Tuesday evening, October 21, is our social, so all please attend and bring some groceries for the grocery basket for the night of our turkey whist November 15. Social committee chairman Esther Davis, Emily Longmack, Marie Newton, and Pearl Cronin.

RED CROSS

Ladies meet every other Thursday for sewing for the Red Cross. Next meeting will be October 30, so get in touch with Chairman Jessie Houston.

MEETING

Labor Temple Auxiliary met Tuesday, October 7, in the Labor Temple. A large crowd attended.

After the usual opening of the auxiliary and the roll call, the following were initiated: Rose Quinn, Marion J. Connolly, Lucille McCollum, and Lydia Doan.

After initiation recess was declared and members received a personal introduction to the new members. The ceremony of initiation was very impressive, due to the able manner in which it was conducted by our president, Inez Wager, and the various officers.

The candidates initiated were sponsored by Stella Pruss who was complimented by President Inez Wager for presenting the five new members. Their husbands are members of sheet metal local 216.

Various committees gave their reports.

Edna Paterson requested all the members to save their old clothes as she is trying to set a date for this affair.

President Wager requested all members to bring in groceries at our next social.

Social committee appointed for the social on October 21: Chairman, Esther Davis; Emily Langmack, Marie Newton and Pearl Cronin.

Meeting adjourned with the singing of "God Bless America," with Past President Pearl Scott at the piano.

NOTES

Secretary Bessie Hunt is back from her trip to the northwest and British Columbia and reports having a wonderful trip. Bessie returned in time to attend the wedding of Sister Mae Franklin's daughter on last Saturday evening.

Labor Temple Auxiliary extends congratulations and best wishes to Brother and Mae Franklin in the marriage of their daughter.

Don't forget the barn dance this Saturday, October 18. Everybody is invited. Admission 75 cents per couple. If you come alone, ladies 35 cents and gents 40 cents. Wear your old clothes. We will see you at the barn dance.

Attend all your auxiliary meetings and boost the union label.

TESSIE O'LEARY,
Sec'ty pro-tem.

Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

KID PARTY CELEBRATING HALLOWE'EN

Gingham dresses, hair ribbons and kiddies' clothes came into their own again last Friday evening, October 10, when the social committee of Ladies Auxiliary of Carpenters No. 160 held a kid party. Of course, the old fashioned braided pigtails were not missing; it was a complete reversion to the old school days when they were learning reading, writing, and arithmetic. With fancifully decorated lollipops, playing kid games and other stunts and acting as young as they used to be. Pin the tail on the donkey was played during the evening and caused great excitement, according to Chairman Ethel Rowe and her committee, the ladies (kiddies) have weird imagination of where a tail belongs on a donkey. Gifts awarded when opened caused much merriment.

Dandy refreshments were served by the committee of shrimp cocktail, crackers, coffee and cookies. The tables were decorated in hallowe'en colors, with a candy cup at each place filled with yellow and black jelly beans. The banquet room was decorated with corn stalks and all lights were covered with spooky pumpkins, faces, witches, cats and a scarecrow that certainly gave a weird atmosphere prevalent at hallowe'en.

After the refreshments a grand march was held to select the costume gifts. For the prettiest costume was Ethel Rowe, the funniest costume, Erna Jenkins, and the most original was Levah Pedersen. The judges were Mrs. Melva Kolkema, Mrs. Hazel Cearley, Mrs. Mary Williams, and Mrs. Tessie O'Leary.

The following committees responsible for the affair are to be complimented on the preparation and serving of the party: Chairman, Ethel Rowe; Mae Bristow, Bernice Jones, Charlotte Dial, Dora Harrington and Beatrice Christensen. The evening was put down as one more very successful event in Ladies Auxiliary of Carpenters No. 160.

WHIST PARTY

Reserve this evening, Friday, October 25, for the whist party, as we want every table filled and you can help to fill them by just a little boost here, there, and everywhere. An experienced chocolate dipper will be there to dip and serve you some of those delicious chocolate creams. The whist is to be held in Carpenters' hall, 763 12th street. Score cards 35 cents. Door award. Tessie O'Leary, chairman of the whist party, announced that a cor-

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Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

by SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

At the last regular meeting of Plumbers' & Gas Fitters' Local Union No. 444, U. A., the union voted to hold a smoker to be held on the date of our next regular meeting, on Wednesday evening, October 22. Every member is cordially invited and everyone who can attend will be assured a pleasant evening. The smoker will take place immediately following a short business session.

For the benefit of the members I am calling to their attention that registered apprentices are prohibited from soliciting employment. When they are out of a job, they are supposed to report at the office and get their jobs from the secretary. The reason for the enforcement of these rules is for the purpose of having an accurate knowledge of where every apprentice is working. This is for his benefit and the strict compliance of these rules assures the apprentice of steady employment. If a member desires a change to be made, the request should be made through the office.

I take this opportunity of notifying the members of the local union that it is necessary to have a journeyman's license to work in the city of Oakland and also in the city of Alameda. Applications for a license can be made at the city hall in Oakland and at the city hall in Alameda. Mr. Cranston, the plumbing inspector, informs me that he has been in the habit of allowing the men to work on their promise to appear at his office and take out a license, but that this privilege is being abused and in the future he intends to stop the men on the job and compel them to go to the office and make application without further delay. Members of this local union who have no license in either city would do well to obtain one at their earliest convenience.

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LABOR DEMANDS ACTION ON DEFENSE PROBLEMS

American labor's foremost task is to get out defense production. In this war of machines, it takes 18 men in mines, farms, workshops and transportation to supply one man at the front. Nothing less than a wholehearted effort on the part of every man and woman in defense work can assure the victory which will preserve our freedom. It is for each of us to do our best; we cannot fail at the battlefront.

Our second task is no less important in the struggle to save democracy: To safeguard the fundamentals of freedom here in this country. Whatever the order of material or physical sacrifices required of us, we must maintain that spirit of freedom that enables us to choose to serve. This means that we must preserve workers' rights, protect their interests, insist that high living standards shall build up health, efficiency and morale, see that labor is represented in defense agencies where policies are made concerning us.

Certain vital problems growing out of defense will affect every working man and every family in the country: (1) Inflation with living costs rising out of sight: (2) Proper controls to stop inflation without freezing wages; (3) Improvement of social security to meet new needs; (4) Maintaining the forty hour week to assure full employment; (5) Priority lay-offs and the change from civilian to defense work; (6) Measures to encourage saving and control credit, as a safeguard against inflation. Policies on these matters will be decided in Washington, but they will be administered in the towns and cities where we live and work. If we are to preserve our rights and our freedom, if our country is to achieve maximum efficiency and maximum production, labor must understand these problems and we must act effectively through our unions to make our voice heard, both in Washington and in our home towns. We must insist on right administration and justice to labor; we must have the proper type of labor representation on administrative bodies.

Inflation Is Upon Us

Workers throughout the country are thoroughly alarmed by the swift upward trend of living costs. From March to August cost of living rose 44.7 per cent. In August it was 5.6 per cent higher than last year and 7.5 per cent above prewar. Before spring, we are told, living costs will rise another 10 per cent unless adequate price controls can be established. Such a rise would amount to the same thing as a 10 per cent wage cut for every worker in the United States. And the end is not here. Prices will continue to spiral upward, destroying workers' living standards, disrupting the defense program, threatening to cut in half the value of every pay envelope, every savings account, every insurance policy, every social security payment in the country. The inflation of which we were warned in July is now here. It is doubtful whether democracy can survive it unless adequate controls are established.

The country must decide now on a system of price control Unless we establish it now, voluntarily, through a law passed by congress with the understanding and will of the people behind it, we shall without the shadow of a doubt be forced into chaos where eventually totalitarian control will be urged as the only way out.

American labor recognizes the danger of starting price spirals. We therefore repeat our principles of wage adjustment: Wages should be determined by collective bargaining based on facts which show the company's ability to pay; an adequate wage is a first charge on any business, and inefficient management is no excuse for paying wages below a decent standard.—AFL News.

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AFL Council Praises Democracy

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eration of Labor had gained 321,613 new dues-paying members in the past year and had spent a total of $1,039,758 for organizing purposes.

The total financial receipts of the federation for the year were $2,843,123 and the disbursements aggregated $1,835,973, leaving a balance on hand of more than a million dollars in the federation's treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

The council urged the launching of a new and intensified organizing drive during the coming year among unorganized workers.

Asking the delegates to adopt a major change in its own makeup, the council recommended that the number of A. F. of L. vice presidents be reduced from fifteen to thirteen.

The course of peace negotiations with the CIO were thoroughly reviewed and the council placed full responsibility on John L. Lewis for the failure to achieve unity in labor's ranks.

Pointing to huge increases in corporation profits and the steadily mounting costs of living, the council declared that the efforts of trade unions to secure higher wages for their members are wholly justified. The council said:

"It is the fixed purpose of the American Federation of Labor to continue to demand and secure higher wages and improved conditions of employment for the working men and women of our country."

The whole field of national and state legislation was thoroughly reviewed in the report and the fact that every piece of anti-labor legislation voted upon by congress has been soundly defeated was emphasized.

The council also recommended that the per capita tax paid by national and international unions to the federation be reduced from two cents per member per month to one and a half cents.

Legal decisions of importance to labor were discussed and explained in the report, most noteworthy being the supreme court decision which knocked Thurman Arnold's anti-trust campaign against trade unions into the discard.

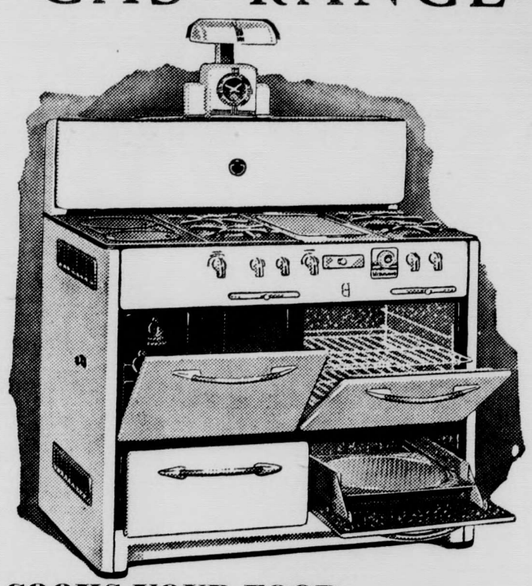
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Businessmen will be safe from having their products barred from interstate commerce as "hot goods" if they take certain steps showing "an honest effort" to avoid purchase of materials made in violation of the wage and hour law. These steps were outlined in a statement issued today by General Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the wage and hour division, U. S. department of labor, on his enforcement policy in the exercise of the far-reaching powers conferred on him as administrator to prevent use of the "channels and instrumentalities of commerce . . . to spread and perpetuate" substandard labor conditions.

These protective measures for manufacturers and others are, first, payment of a price for materials that make their production at the minimum wage possible; and second, keeping a reasonable check through supply contracts and ordinary trade contacts on the labor practices under which materials purchased are produced.

To Enforce Act

The division has infrequently exercised its power to prevent shipment of stock assembled from purchased materials produced in violation of the law by suppliers. However, General Fleming pointed out, where the wage underpayment is due to the low prices paid to suppliers for the goods, he will continue his policy of invoking the section barring such goods from interstate commerce. In one case a dealer was prevented from shipping two million feet of lumber which he had purchased at prices too low for the payment of the minimum wage to be possible. This was also done in cases of several garment manufacturers (or cutters) who farmed out the sewing of the garments to contractors at rates which they knew or should have known would not allow for minimum wage payments.

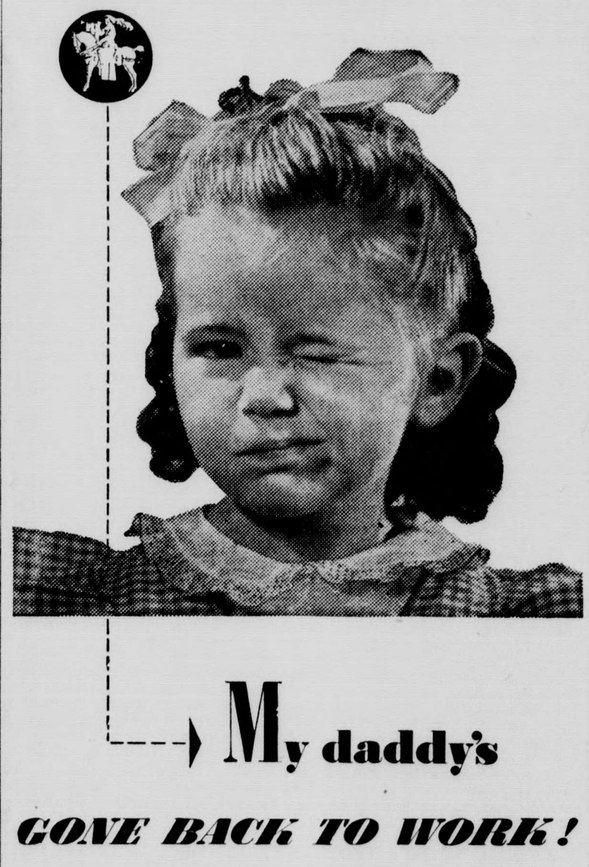
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The nation's aviation industry is shooting pretty close to the mark of 2,000 fighting planes a month, the goal set by defense chieftains a year ago.

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dial welcome and a pleasant evening is assured to everybody.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Chairman Ethel Rowe and Charlottee Dial report that Esther McCormick is home from the hospital and feeling much better, and that Beatrice Christensen will have to go to the hospital for several days.

NOTES

Brother and Sister Margaret Murray are now residing iin Santa Ana. Ladies Auxiliary hopes she will enjoy her new home and that she don't forget us here, for we will miss her and hope she will be with us before too many months elapse.

Have you registered your children for the Christmas party?

Next business meeting is October 24, at 8 p. m.

Ladies of Auxiliary No. 160, don't forget to attend the barn dance given by the Labor Temple Auxiliary this Saturday evening, October 18, in Carpenters' hall. Wear your old clothes.

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One week's vacation with pay will be financed by contributions of manufacturers of 3 per cent of their payrolls to a vacation fund to be administered by the union. Other points in the new contract call for upward revision of basic minimums for week and piece workers and inclusion of shipping clerks in the agreement for the first time.

MINIMUM WAGE FIXED IN GRAY IRON INDUSTRY

Approval by General Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the wage and hour division, U. S. department of labor, of a recommended 40 cents an hour minimum wage for the gray iron jobbing foundry industry was announced today. A wage order putting the minimum into effect November 3, 1941, will be issued shortly.

The recommendation was unanimously made by a committee equally representative of the public, and the employers and employes in the industry, under the chairmanship of Sidney E. Sweet, dean of the Christ Church cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri.

The 40 cent minimum will increase the wage rates of about 14,000 of the 175,000 workers in the industry.

More About Steam Fitters

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organized labor defeat the "hot cargo" bill.

Bank Night

Last week we sorta panned the bank night of Local 342. Now we can see by the attendance at 10:00 p. m. that it is a very good thing. Brother Arthur Pickthall was the winner last week but Lo and Behold!, his book was a thome and he became the first loser of $10.00, which is the award. Pickthall later told us that it is the first time in three years he has ever attended a meeting without his book being on his person. Be sure your book is with you on bank night.

Women's Auxiliary

The labor temple women's auxiliary will hold a barn dance at the Carpenters' hall, 763 12th street, Oakland, on Saturday, October 18. Be sure to watch Mrs. R. S. Murphy, mother of Brother Spaulding, who will cut some fancy capers in an Irish jig or two. Brother "Spud" Murphy will lead the grand march. If dressed in formal attire you will be fined $1.00 in American gold.

It has been suggested that we help the labor temple auxiliary to procure a banner. What about it?

Mart Scott, Sr., will again have charge of the basketball team. With so many young fellows working out of this local we should be able to put a championship team on the court.